

## Federal Policy Advisor DHCS

Under the administrative direction of the Office of Policy and Planning Chief, this position will manage, and be responsible, for the analysis of all federal policies related to the Medicaid program. At this point, the federal government is extremely active in developing new policies and rules on Medicaid, which have the potential of costing the State hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds. Working with divisions within the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and other state departments, this position will be responsible for:

- Review of federal Medicaid and State Children's Health Program (SCHIP) legislation for the impact on the State and coordinating comments to the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Governor's Office.
- Review of proposed federal regulations and developing comments on these regulations.
- Reviewing draft and final Medicaid Director Letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). By having a member on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD), California is able to provide comments on draft letters, but must do so in a rapid and timely manner.
- Reviewing the impact of federal audits and disallowances and providing guidance on their resolution including determining which ones to appeal or settle with CMS.
- Working with NASMD to provide guidance and comments on various policy statements and comments made by the Association.
- Working with the program to determine ways to enhance federal funding for the program.
- Reviewing and coordinating federal Medicaid grant opportunities.
- Understanding and providing program guidance on the best avenues to implement changes under the federal Medicaid program.